## Dr. MacRae Interviewed by Jim Neher

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I first saw Dr. Buswell when I was a student at Princeton. I believe in my first year at Princeton Dr. Blanchard who had been for many years president of Wheaton College, spoke to the students. The next year Dr. Buswell came as the new president then. I believe then he was in his early 30's. People were talking about how young he was for a college president. He gave a good message. I don't remember any of the details of it. We had quite a number of students from Wheaton at Princeton in those days. The conservative-minded then used to go to Wheaton and the more liberal minded to McCormick. Then I met Dr. Buswell later on when --- I believe my next contact with him was when I was teaching at Westminster. Then when Me we decided to start Faith, the first thought was that it was to be a graduate department at Wheaton. Dr. Buswell was very much interested in that, but the Board of Directors turned thumbs down on it, so they were not able to do that. So we went ahead and started an independent seminary here.

Dr. Buswell arranged for me to speak in two successive *dMdpedV* at Wheaton. I spoke there the year before we started Faith and I spoke there for a good many years after that-- for two successive chapels. I was wanted to speak to Dr. Buswell. I soon found that at Wheaton there was a great deal of uncertainty in the attitude of the people toward him. He was a very very energetic man. An excellent administrator, very fine Christian, very hard worker. It seemed that whenhe wasat the college he had so much on his mind that he rushed from this place to that place and from this meeting to that meeting and he did not have time to have little sociable relationshipswith different people, etc. They began to break up into different groups. I went up to Houghton College to speak, and